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Lt. Kazy Charles Rudauskas (LYS) displayed determination in achieving his goal. Such a thing as being washed out from the cadets didn't stop him. He is now a Navigation Lieutenant and is getting additional training in Radar for B-29, at Boca Raton, Fla. That's what I call determination! I'm proud of you. During October Kazy got his first furlough in a year and a half and it was well enjoyed... A-C Bill Soong is getting his final roughing of bivouac and such and will finish the course at Yale on November 9th and hopes to join his brother Lt. John, in China. We hope that your anticipations are fulfilled... Sgt. Mordy Arnold met another SOE's at his camp, Joe McCants, and a happy talkfest was held. Mordy is hoping for a change in scenery and there are rumors that he will be made an instructor... Cpl. (Notice the new title) Jimmy Gasebers had a 17 day furlough during the early part of October and was out to see me twice and I sure was glad to see him. By the way, Jimmy is the one who supplies me with a lot of "corn", that's what he calls jokes. In fact, this month's supply is all (but two) his... Pfc. Barry Taxman (Int. Hse.) pianist and folk dancer who participated in many Int. House programs, spent the first 8 days of October furloughing in Chicago. He came at Int. House for some folk dancing and here is what he wrote: "One of the things I miss most is the ability to grab a partner and burst into a wild polka. Last night I found my breath coming short, my legs weakening, and my shirt wetting after only a few seconds of Hora." Army life does soften one. Barry is an Army Medical student at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis... Nolan Cooper, Jr., of Robertsdale, Ala., a lad I met recently, joined the Merchant Marine and is being trained at Pass Christian, Miss. He is last year's graduate and a member of the athletic team and a cousin of two heroes, Woody Skinner, Marine, and Ben Cooper, Army... F. O. Billy Keeble (SOE) is having a tough schedule at Malden Field, Mo. Seven days a week flying plus 3 evenings till midnight. That's what one gets for being a flight officer, but I'm sure he doesn't mind it (much)... Doris Rose (LYS) says she'll have 15 kids and no husband. Lawd awmighty! Good thing I know you are a pediatric nurse and having kids to look after is her business. Otherwise, my! You would have shocked me!... Cpl. Jimmy Mitchell (SOE) still teaches French aviators radio tricks and is getting along well with his French. Jimmy visited Chicago for a few days and was very much impressed with the size and vigorous growing spirit of the town. He visited the International House where he had a grand dinner but missed out on the folk dancing. Jimmy was the folk dance instructor at Organic prior my arrival. During mid-October Jim also had an unexpected visit from his mother... My cousin, Gene, who bought a jalopy several months ago which already did cost him in repairs alone \$132 and 70 bucks, nearly had a stroke when during the hurricane that struck New York and Mitchel Field, a tree was felled and missed his car by inches. Well, he went down on his knees and "muttered a few prayers to Alkah who is Most Great"... It's amazing, but Pfc. Joe Simbal (LYS) manages to be in a new camp each month. It is Drew Field (Tampa, Fla.) this time where he is getting the final phase of training, hand to hand combat with knives and machetes... Eddie Wolod, Y-2-C (LYS), already left for Europe, that leaves us but two LYRs still in the States... Kosso Skorohod, S. 2-c, Camp Peary's librarian, has been also given the duties of the Illiterate Department where he writes letters for the Alabama and Mississippi lads to their folks at home. This is a good deed and I know they are grateful and you are sympathetic. Kosso met at the Camp a Lith Chap, Vytautas Ramanauksis who was in Lithuania several times and even won a scholarship from the Lith Government to study at the Moscow University. In United States, Vytis was an FBI man in charge of smuggling. Louis Kohlty, MM-3-c, was transferred to Camp Parks, Calif., and is on the alert to go across... Lt. Marney Lowell (SOE) is enjoying his work at Gila Bend, Ariz. His brother Jimmy, a Guadalcanal vet. Has just recovered from another attack of malaria and is enjoying a ten day furlough in Fairhope. His mother, was out to visit him at Ft. Bragg, N. C., while he was hospitalized. We hope that Jimmy will no more suffer with malaria or any other ailment... S-Sgt. Louis Denov (NWUH) was married on October 21st to Miss Janet Reynolds, a native from Connecticut. Mazal Tov for ever after. Mitchell Gorzela is the latest Northwestern folk dancer to leave for the army. Good luck!

OVER THERE

My brother, Kazy, is now in one of the Marianas, and all is well with him, which is a load off my mind... Jack Smith (SOE), who is with the Amphibian forces, experienced a shipwreck during a typhoon. He was washed ashore and we are happy to report, he suffered no injuries. He was also elevated to a Seaman 1st Class. He also met out there his Fairhope buddy, John Edward Thompson, S-1-C. Fairhopian Stephen W. Smith, 19, was one of the youths who went down with the sub Robalo in the Pacific... From California, Alice Jarosz sent me a picture-clipping of Machinist's Mate Bill Ryder, our own Fairhopian, describing his participation in the first attack on Nazi U-boats with rocket guns in the Atlantic. Her brother, Stanley Sienkiewicz, continues bombing Japanese held positions in the B-29's from Japan to Sumatra, and as we well know, hitting the right targets. That "Schlock" Al Spear (LYS), after a silence of several months, writes a long

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**NOTICE!** The December number will be a special Xmas, New Year, and 50 Year Fairhope Anniversary Issue.

### THIS 'N' THAT

#### TO THOSE ACROSS

Since it takes at least six weeks for a letter to reach them, we extend our very best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a most happy New Year.

God grant you staunch courage in the present;

Abiding faith in the future;  
Happiness today and always.

#### NWUH AND SOE TIES

Miss Harriet Vittum, head resident of Northwestern U. Settlement House, (the 2nd largest in Chicago) who is one of Chicago's ten leading women, and only next to the late Jane Adams in importance in the Social Service field, and Marietta Johnson who founded the Organic school, were close friends for many years and attended many educational meets together. Miss Hall, another N.W. worker, is a native Mobilian of the old French families who had spent her summers in Fairhope way back when, and likewise knew Mrs. Johnson well. While in Fairhope, Mrs. Frances Mitchell worked at N. W. during 1920-21. I worked there for six years. So—SOE and NWUH are related.

#### TO THE PATRONS

Please pardon for not printing amount of your contributions. A complete listing in alphabetical order and amount of contributions will appear in the May Anniversary issue. Each month a group of names of patrons, whose total amount covers the expense for the month (\$30 for printing and stamps) is announced. I and the boys in the service extend our sincere gratitude.

Catherine Ann Middleton, Mobile; Sgt. T. J. Klumpp, Jr., Admiralty Isles and Fairhope; Sgt. Arthur Tumosa, England and Chicago; Mrs. J. H. Smith, Fairhope; Rabbi and Mrs. S. J. Jacobs, New York; Mrs. A. Possien, Point Clear; Mrs. E. Possien, Fairhope; George J. Kesman, MM 1-c, South Pacific and Chicago.

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### LITH JEWRY MASSACRED

"So I returned and considered the oppression that are done under the sun: and behind the tears of such that were oppressed, and they had no comforter.

"Therefore I praised the dead which are already dead, more than the living which are yet alive.

"Yea, better is he than both they which had not yet been (born), who had not seen the evil work that is done under the sun." (Eccl. 4:1-3)

On June 9th, as Vilna was taken over by the Russians (After a thorough massacre of the Jews there by the Germans, who till then still saved 9000 Jews in Kaunas to use them as laborers, seeing that they will have to abandon Kaunas, slaughtered mercilessly and ruthlessly the entire 9000 Jews.

Lithuania, normally, was the home of 170,000 Jews, of whom, but those few who managed to escape into the forests, remained alive.

For these beastly crimes, the German people will suffer shame unto generations to come. And the name "German" will denote an epithet for sadistic beasts, for which even the decent will be caused to suffer unjustly.

While retreating and out of spitefulness, the Germans destroyed every building of beauty and importance. Among them the clinics of the University of Vytautas, the Vytautas Museum, the Bank of Lithuania, the Bank of Agriculture, the Chamber of Commerce, the "Pieno Centra" and the pre-war completed monumental church of the Resurrection. Buildings can be rebuilt but human life can not be restored.

### AMZINA ATILSI

On September 7th, another of our old gang met his heroic death on the fields of France. Pfc. John Rukstala, 32. John was a lad of promise and achieved a renown place in the theatrical and singing field in which he played star roles and solo'd in song. He was a member of "Pirmyn" chorus and of a men's quartet and was very popular among Chicago Lithuanians, he also sang solos during the LYS presentation of "Our Lady of Vilna" and was the proverbial "Tall, dark and handsome" type with ever smiling eyes. Before he entered the service (over 2 years ago), he married the lovely Genevieve Mazeikis, a friend of LYS and the Tumosa family. Johnny, the American by birth, was raised in Lithuania. While in service, he was stationed in Iceland, England, Ireland and France. In Chicago, many Lithuanian organizations honored his memory in various manifestations.

### MEMORARE

Hugh Frazer, pal of my brother, Kazy, was killed instantly by a Jap shell explosion that burst amid a group of lads (killing all) the first day the Marines landed on Guam, July 21, and is buried at Agana, Guam.

With Hugh, Kazy had spent all his leaves while they were both still in California, visiting our mutual friends there, and both received their furlough the same time, before they were sent across, over two years ago. It was then,

that I met Hugh and his girl friend.

Another of Kazy's buddies to meet death in action, was Joe Rigas, 21, son of a prominent Mobile Hellenic (Greek)

family. To both Requiem Aeternam. This seems so little to express in comparison to the suffering and pain their parents are undergoing.

letter and tells me nothing. But his address (C-O P. M.) says "Stenog. School." No doubt practicing the art of holding a WAC steno on his lap... Lt. Jimmy Gaston (SOE), Army Engineer, arrived in France on October 1st. His cousin, Lt. Barney Gaston reported killed in action... Pvt. Cabot Boothe (SOE), participated in the invasion of Southern France and writes: "Invasion via parachute is very exciting, providing you like that kind of excitement. Personally, I don't like invasions. Period. I find the French people very nice. I have been invited several times for dinner. Along with it we usually have wine and champagne, and we often end the evening dancing." This part of the invasion doesn't sound bad... Brilliant Bill Brilliant is a Liason Corporal with the Med. Tank Bn. in France... Lt. Walter Verneuille (SOE), Copilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress, won an oak leaf cluster to his air medal for "Meritorious achievement, coolness, courage and skill" for his bombing over Germany and occupied France... Kazy Kawalski, SC-1-C enjoyed a program staged by Eddie Peabody and band somewhere in the Pacific... Ted Zurawski (NWUH), is threatening to bring back an English wife. They are too pretty to overlook, he claims... Capt. N. F. Schwartz (a cousin) sent a letter from the fox-hole which he himself dug, 10 feet by 3 feet, 3 feet deep covered with logs and dirt. That must have been the needed exercise between his emergency operations and first aid treatments. He works behind the lines and to the continual accompaniment of air planes circling above him, diving or strafing to keep his nerves calm. I sure am proud of my fighting kin who total to over a dozen cousins all over the creation... Another cousin, Lt. Alvin Chernis, a pilot of a B-29 in Italy, says he'd rather have "California imported wine" instead the Italian "Real Thing."

### AND THOSE YOU LEFT BEHIND

Alfredo Manat (Int. Hse.) is teaching at Howe Military Academy, Howe, Ind., instructing Sociology, Economics, Modern and World History and coaching the tennis team. Alfredo was one of the hard co-workers in the Int. House folk dance group and a dancer per excellence. Best of luck, Proff!... Patty McLane Rotch (Int. Hse.) now of Concord, N. H., and a proud mother of two lovely children, Martha and Peter, is making quite a success with her folk dance group, it even gets publicity in the press. Male partners she gets from a C. O. camp. Her hubby, Bill, who just finished an 18 week indoctrination course, is presently at Ft. Schuyler, N. Y.... T-Sgt. Hal and Eve Morris (Int. Hse.) are the proud parents of a second son, Gary Robert. Arrived on September 14th. Congrats and many more... More details about Lt. John Soong's (Int. Hse.) bride. Her name is Rebecca Hu, a Chinese Christian who also sings in a church choir. She speaks excellent English and is very sweet and charming girl. We are all looking forward to meeting her John'er. The very best of luck to you out there in China... Sophie Majka, one of the N. W. folk dancers, left for the Air-Wacs. Happy landings!... Beautiful Christine Krisciunas, Chicago Lith singer who with her enchanting voice sang at many LYS events and was a member for a short while, became Mrs. Kazys Aukstkalnis on October 1st at the Holy Cross Lith Church and a sumptuous feast at the Darius-Girenas Hall followed... My God brother, Albinas Azukas (LYS) must think that I'm either very cultured or that I need to be cultured the way he supplies me with heavy tomes of high-brow literature and research books. With such stuff I'm bound to become smart (I hope). Al has been studying Russian during the last year and is already reading Tolstoy in the original - smart!... Northwesterners are now in the midst of rehearsing for the "Wesele" the annual Harvest and Wedding Festival held during Thanksgiving week-end... Celia Giebutowska (NWUH) was made very happy on her birthday, October 9th, when she received a corsage of Gardenias which were wired to her from two boy friends in the South Pacific... Venetta Grybas (LYS) will be a mother soon. Imagine that, Windy a mother! Good luck to you. Evelyn Kazy (LYS) just returned from a very impressive vacation spent in Los Angeles... October 20th saw the dazzling production of our own Lil Cinskas (LYS). There was plenty of glitter, oomph and talent. She sure is becoming an impressario. My cousins, Ernest and Estelle Dulinsky, had quite a bit of excitement on October 11th, when the prairie in back of their farm caught fire from a spark shot by a passing train. The fire crept up close to their chicken coop. Crown Point and Gary firemen extinguished it. Ten acres were burned down. Some fun!

### FAIRHOPE

Local Red Cross launched a new canteen at Point Clear where twice a week, right after the Marines at the Grand Hotel are through with their training, are provided with refreshments. It's just like them to do something grand... While the USO is having a record crowd, boys in uniform flock from all nearby fields and fill the Country Club. They all claim that Fairhope is the nicest place they found in all their experience of soldiering. Fairhope is the nicest place. Period... The above won't sound too good to the ears of the new nurse here, Miss Wilson (vivacious with lustrous black hair and looks like a real Italian Signorina with oomph). She derides me for my tenacious praise of Fairhope's charms. Her pet peeve seems to be, when she came to Fairhope to swim the water was muddy. What that has to do with the